

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 02 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 03 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 01 Dec 2020 at 15:20 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Wednesday and Thursday. High for changeable conditions to continue into the weekend although low confidence for detail.

Headline for Wednesday 02 Dec 2020: Windy with frequent and heavy snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 02 Dec 2020

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow

Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect

High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
30%	70%	30%	40%	80%	80%	80%	80%

Forecast for Wednesday 02 Dec 2020

Weather: A brief spell of rain expected in the early hours followed by a few showers, these wintry down to 700 metres. The rest of the day will see clear or sunny intervals and frequent showers of snow or hail, some of the showers will be heavy. Some moderate falls of snow accumulating by evening on the higher slopes of Argyll, the Trossachs and southern Lochaber.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%. Cloud lowering to 600 metres in showers, this may well be quite frequent north of the Central Belt as showers run through.

Visibility: Excellent visibility outside of showers and cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/41 SW	33/41 SW	34/43 SW	32/41 SW	34/45 SW	33/43 SW	33/44 SW	31/42 SW	25/34 SW
900	23/31 SW	20/27 SW	23/32 SW	23/31 SW	24/33 SW	23/33 SW	24/35 SW	23/33 SW	19/27 SW
600	30/38 SW	22/29 SW	26/34 SW	23/31 SW	24/34 SW	27/36 SW	25/35 SW	23/33 SW	19/28 SW
300	14/24 SW	12/17 SW	13/19 SW	13/21 SW	14/24 SW	15/24 SW	15/25 SW	14/24 SW	11/20 SW
Glen	12/24 SW	7/17 SW	11/24 SW	8/20 SW	11/23 SW	13/26 SW	10/22 SW	12/24 SW	8/18 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-6	-0/-9	-2/-11	-3/-13	-4/-14	-5/-15	-5/-15	-6/-16	-6/-15
900	3/-3	2/-4	0/-7	-1/-8	-2/-9	-2/-10	-3/-11	-4/-12	-4/-12
600	5/-0	4/-1	3/-4	1/-5	0/-6	-0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8
300	7/3	6/2	5/1	4/-1	3/-2	2/-3	2/-4	1/-4	0/-4
Glen	8/6	8/6	6/3	5/2	5/1	4/-0	3/-0	2/-2	2/-2
Freezing Level*	1500m	1200m	800m	700m	600m	500m	400m	300m	200m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be prepared for some poor winter weather even at modest altitudes, with the freezing level lowering further in the afternoon.

Forecast for Thursday 03 Dec 2020

Weather: Widespread and sometimes heavy snow showers in the morning, although these becoming confined to coastal ranges with drier weather developing inland. Best of the brightness across the northwest of the region in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 15 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Cloud lowering to 600 metres in snow showers, and may well be persistent across the south of the area through the day. Best chance of cloud free tops most likely across southern Lochaber and later the Trossachs.

Visibility: Poor in any snow, good in the afternoon in the northwest.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 rising to plus 3 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres